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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER ONE FOR THE SECRETARY:  
TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. SYRIANS WILLING TO DISCUSS PARTIAL GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT?

NEW YORK TIMES JOURNALIST EDWARD SHEEHAN TOLD EMBASSY  
DAMASCUS THAT IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHETHER SYRIA WOULD  
ACCEPT A PARTIAL DISENGAGEMENT, ASAD ENUMERATED WHY A  
PARTIAL SOLUTION WAS INAPPROPRIATE BUT DID NOT RULE IT  
OUT. IN OTHER HIGHPOINTS OF SHEEHAN'S SEPTEMBER 26-27  
INTERVIEW, ASAD STATED THAT:

--HE WOULD COMMUNICATE HIS POSITION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER  
WITHIN TWO-THREE DAYS'

--HE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR  
INFORMAL MULTILATERAL CONTACTS.

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--SYRIA'S MOVES WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE PLO

AND JORDAN, AND THE FORMER MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEST BANK NEGOTIATIONS.

--SYRIA CANNOT COOPERATE WITH EGYPT UNTIL EGYPT REVOKES THE SINAI AGREEMENT.

SHEEHAN EXPECTS THE INTERVIEW MAY APPEAR IN THE TIMES AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 28.

## 2. CARAMANLIS ON THE EMBARGO AND CYPRUS

IN A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS SUGGESTED THAT IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED THE USG SHOULD SEND A STRONG AND UNAMBIGUOUS MESSAGE TO TURKEY STRESSING THAT:

--THE GOG IS OFFERING TURKEY A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS AND IT HAS THE WHEREWITHAL TO MAKE MAKARIOS ACCEPT.

--THE EMBARGO HAS PROVOKED A DAMAGING CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN THE US.

TO HELP HIM IN MANAGING GREEK PUBLIC REACTION WHEN THE CONGRESS ACTS, CARAMANLIS SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A PUBLIC USG CLARIFICATION OF ITS POSITION COVERING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--THE VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE US AND MANY OF ITS ALLIES WERE BEING SEVERELY DAMAGED BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO.

--FOR THE US, LIFTING THE EMBARGO IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD A CYPRUS BREAKTHROUGH.

CARAMANLIS ALSO OBSERVED:

--HE IS IN A STEADILY ERODING POSITION: HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S STRENGTH WILL NOT ENDURE INDEFINITELY.

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--A TRIP TO ANKARA AND ATHENS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOMENT.

--HE PREFERS TO WAIT AND OBSERVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION BEFORE DECIDING ON THE VISIT OF A TEAM TO CONSIDER AN ASSISTANCE PACKAGE.

AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION: DEPENDING ON HOW THE USG DECIDES TO HANDLE THE PUBLIC ASPECTS OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO SEND A PERSONAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS--IF IT CAN BE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER THINKS HE NEEDS FOR DOMESTIC USE.

### 3. LEBANON'S FIGHTING WON'T GO AWAY

EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS A SLOW DROP IN THE LEVEL OF STRIFE, THE PERSISTENCE OF FIGHTING INDICATES ROUND FOUR MAY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

--THERE WAS FIGHTING IN EAST BEIRUT SEPTEMBER 26-27 BUT, DESPITE PREVIOUS REPORTS, THE ARMY IS NOT INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING SECURITY.

--JUMBLATT HAS REJECTED ANY ACCOMMODATION WITH THE PHALANGE UNLESS LEFTIST DEMANDS ARE MET AND ROUNDLY CRITICIZED MOSLEM LEADER SAEB SALAAM FOR SEEKING HEGEMONY OVER BEIRUT'S MOSLEMS.

(SEE ITEM 8 OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

### 4. PORTUGUESE MILITARY FORMS NEW SECURITY UNIT

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT THE LISBON CHAPTER OF THE AFM FORMED A NEW INTERNAL SECURITY UNIT, THE MILITARY INTERVENTION GROUP (AMI). IT WILL ASSUME MANY OF COPCON'S FUNCTIONS. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT IMPACT AMI WILL HAVE ON THE FORTUNES OF OTELO DE CARVALHO AND ARMY COS FABIAO. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT THE UNCERTAIN PERFORMANCE OF OTELO'S COPCON AND FABIAO'S INDECISIVENESS IN DEALING  
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WITH DISCIPLINE QUESTIONS HAVE LOWERED BOTH MEN'S INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE WITHIN THE AFM AND PUBLIC AT LARGE.

### 5. PORTUGUESE STILL EXPECT COMPROMISE IN ANGOLA

MPLA LEADER NETO TOLD HIGH COMMISSIONER CARDOSO THAT MPLA WILL DEAL WITH NEITHER FNLA NOR UNITA. DESPITE THIS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER INDICATED TO CONSUL GENERAL KILLORAN HIS BELIEF THAT THE MPLA WILL REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH UNITA AND POSSIBLY FNLA, BY LATE OCTOBER. CARDOSO ADDED:

--PORTUGAL REMAINS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO TURNING POWER OVER TO MPLA, PREFERRING IF NECESSARY TO GIVE JURISDICTION TO THE UN.

--MEANWHILE, AS A PRECAUTION, HE IS DESTROYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE LEFT FOR ONE OF THE FACTIONS.

6. AZORES' POPULAR POLITICS WEAKENS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

CONSULATE PONTA DELGADA COMMENTS THAT THE DIMINISHING THREAT OF COMMUNISM AND THE INCREASING LIKELIHOOD OF POPULAR GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL HAVE DISSOLVED THE PREVIOUS UNITY BETWEEN PEOPLE, POLITICIANS AND AUTHORITIES.

--GOVERNOR MAGALHAES' STRONG OPPOSITION TO AZORES INDEPENDENCE AND CONCERN FOR PUBLIC ORDER MARK HIM AS ANTI-AZOREAN.

--THE REGIONAL JUNTA IS GROWING INTO A REAL GOVERNMENT AND BEARS THE UNPOPULARITY THAT ACCOMPANIES DECISIONMAKING.

--WHILE IT IS BEING WEAKENED BY THE GROWTH OF POPULAR POLITICS, THE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT IS TOO USEFUL TO FADE AWAY. MOST AZOREANS RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY THE THREAT OF INDEPENDENCE PUSHED THE GOP TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

7. EUROPEANS OPPOSE PORTUGUESE EXCLUSION FROM MBFR AD HOC GROUP

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FOLLOWING A DEMARCHE BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF SYG LUNS TO THE MBFR AD HOC GROUP (AHG) IN VIENNA, THE PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO ABSENT HIMSELF TEMPORARILY FROM AHG DELIBERATIONS PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LISBON. ACCORDING TO US MISSION NATO:

--THE PORTUGUESE PARTICIPANT IN AHG MEETINGS REFUSED TO ACCEPT EXCLUSION ON A CONTINUING BASIS, AND STATED HE RARELY, EXCEPT FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, REPORTED TO LISBON ON MBFR.

--THE GERMAN, GREEK, ITALIAN, AND BELGIAN AMBASSADORS OPPOSED EXCLUSION, ARGUING THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD PRODUCE UNFORTUNATE POLITICAL REACTIONS IN LISBON.

8. ROMANIAN HERESY DELAYS EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONCLAVE

A ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBASSY WARSAW THAT PLANNING FOR A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE IS STALLED. DEBATE ON THE CHINA QUESTION HAS BEEN SUPERCEDED BY WORKING LEVEL DISAGREEMENT OVER A ROMANIAN PROPOSAL URGING CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS IN SUPPORT OF CSCE

IMPLEMENTATION. THE SOVIETS OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL. POINTING TO PORTUGAL AS AN EXAMPLE, THE ROMANIAN SAID RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES CAN IN CERTAIN INSTANCES SUPPORT LOCAL SOCIALIST PARTIES, EVEN OVER THE LOCAL COMMUNISTS.

SSR-ARGENTINA WHEAT DEAL  
9. USSR-ARGENTINA WHEAT DEAL

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES, THE SOVIETS ARE PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS THE PURCHASE NEXT YEAR OF ONE MILLION TONS OF WHEAT. THE GOA IS REPORTEDLY AWAITING BETTER FIGURES ON THE VOLUME OF THIS YEAR'S POTENTIAL HARVEST, SINCE UNDER AVERAGE CONDITIONS ENOUGH WHEAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO FULFILL THE SOVIET REQUEST. AT CURRENT PRICES, THE DEAL WOULD BE WORTH AT LEAST \$100 MILLION.

10.SPANISH EXECUTIONS AROUSE EUROPEAN PASSIONS

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EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT FRANCO PERSONALLY DECIDED TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCES OF SIX TERRORISTS WHILE ALLOWING FIVE TO BE EXECUTED.

--LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE WAS FACTUAL, ALTHOUGH THE CATHOLIC PRESS CALLED FOR CLEMENCY ON SEPTEMBER 26.

--A GOS SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THE RIGHT OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS BUT OBJECTED TO DEMONSTRATIONS BORNE OUT OF HISTORICAL ANTI-SPANISH PREJUDICE.

--IN LISBON, DEMONSTRATORS SACKED THE SPANISH MISSION WHEREUPON SPAIN WITHDREW ITS AMBASSADOR AND STAFF. PORTUGAL LATER MADE A PRO FORMA APOLOGY.

THE UK, BOTH GERMANY'S, NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS TO MADRID IN PROTEST.

„ ITALY: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVES TO COUNTER COMMUNIST GROWTH

IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR VOLPE, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI STATED THAT HIS PARTY OPPOSED COMMUNIST (PCI) PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THE DC MUST RESPOND TO GROWING PCI STRENGTH BY:

--CONFRONTING THE PUBLIC WITH THE CHOICE OF "DEMOCRACY  
AND LIBERTY" VERSUS "COMMUNIST REGIMENTATION"; BUT

--AVOIDING A HEAD-ON CLASH WHICH WOULD STIMULATE INCREASED  
PCI OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY  
PROGRAMS;

--WINNING BACK THE SUPPORT OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, (THE  
PARTY'S "NATURAL ELECTORATE") WHERE THE PCI HAS RECENTLY  
MADE MAJOR INROADS;

--SUPPORTING A UNIFIED, NON-COMMUNIST SOCIALIST PARTY,  
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CAPABLE OF FORMULATING ITS OWN POLICY;

--DISCOURAGING THE FLIGHT OF US COMPANIES AND ENCOURAGING  
NEW US INVESTMENT. INGERSOLL

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